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SUBJECT: GON DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE

- 1. THE GON HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE HEAD OF DELEGATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE WILL BE DR. HARRY BODAN S., VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL BE DR. GUILLERMO SEVILLA SACASA, AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., DR. AND COL. GASTON CAJINA MEXICANO, PERM REP TO UN IN GENEVA, PROF JOSE M. ZELAYA U., AMB TO UN. AND DR. AGAPITO FERNANDEZ. OPPOSITION CONSERVATIVE PARTY DEPUTY.
- 2. THE ONLY IMPORTANT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS GON DELEGATIONS S DR. BODAN IN SUBSTITUTION FOR FORMER FONMIN MONTIEL. THE NEW FONMIN (QUINTANA) IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE EXPERT ON LOS MATTERS AS WAS HIS PREDECESSOR. BODAN IS A FORMER U.S. LEADER GRANTEE (1975) WHO IS VERY BRIGHT, KNOWLEDGEABLE, AND SOPHISTICATED. HE WAS BORN IN 1942, IS MARRIED, UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL BUT IS RELUCTANT TO SPEAK IT AND IS FAIRLY FLUENT IN FRENCH. HIS UNIVERSITY TRAINING WAS IN MADRID WHERE HE OBTAINED A DOCTORATE IN LAW AT THE SPANISH SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY. HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER ALSO INCLUDES SERVICE IN PERU AND CONFIDENTIAL

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BELGIUM. BODAN HAS MET WITH VARIOUS ARA OFFICIALS IN THE DEPT AND UN AMB YOUNG.

3. BODAN IS A FAIRLY OLD SCHOOL, RESERVED DIPLOMAT BUT, ONCE THE ICE IS BROKEN, CAN BE FRIENDLY AND HUMOROUS AS WELL AS ACERBIC. HE CANNOT BE COUNTED ON TO AUTOMATICALLY SUPPORT U.S. POSITIONS EXCEPT WHERE THE GON POSITIONS, WHICH GENERALLY PARALLEL US POSITIONS, ARE

ALREADY ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, HE IS OPEN TO REASONED ARGUMENTATION. IF ANY IMPORTANT ISSUES ARISE ON WHICH GON DELEGATION APPEARS TO OPPOSE U.S. INTERESTS, EMB SHOULD BE INFORMED IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO THE GON DELEGATION. SOLAUN

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